

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph number [16] on page 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The present invention may be embodied in various forms. A preferred embodiment of a drive-by-wire assembly 10 is shown in FIG. 1. Drive-by-wire assembly 10 includes a foot engaging member such as a pedal 12. Pedal 12 includes a footpad 14 secured to a ~~first~~ free first end 16 of an arm 18. Footpad 14 is preferably covered with, or has a layer of, rubber or other suitable material to provide friction and a suitable gripping surface for the foot of a user. A second end 20 of arm 18 is secured to a front of dash 22 of a vehicle by way of a mounting member such as bracket 24. Bracket 24 is secured to front of dash 22 by way of fasteners such as bolts 26, which extend through apertures 28 in bracket 24 and apertures 30 in front of dash 22.--